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SUBJECT: PRESS LINE ON USG PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL
COMMITTEE AGENDA AT ISMAILIYA SUMMIT

1. UNDER REPEATED QUESTIONING FROM PRESS AT BRIEFING
HELD BY EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI PRESS SPOKESMAN FOLLOWING
CLOSING SESSION OF THIS PHASE OF CAIRO MEETING, SPOKES-
MAN OF U.S. DELEGATION, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SAID THAT,
WHILE PRECISE ARRANGEMENTS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT,
USG WOULD CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE CAIRO
CONFERENCE, INCLUDING ITS POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AS
REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN.
SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT USG ROLE WOULD CONTINUE IN THE
SUPPORTIVE POSTURE WE HAD ADOPTED IN THE FIRST PHASE
OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE. ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER
SECRETARY VANCE WOULD ATTEND, SPOKESMAN SAID THAT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON HAD TOLD THE EGYPTIAN
AND ISRAELI DELEGATES THAT HE WOULD BE REPORTING TO THE
SECRETARY ON THE DECISIONS OF THE ISMAILIYA SUMMIT,
AND THAT "PRECISE ARRANGEMENTS" REMAINED TO BE DECIDED.
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2. QUERIED ABOUT THE CHANGED STATUS OF "OBSERVER" NOW
BEING ACCORDED THE U.S., SPOKESMAN -- BACKED BY BOTH
THE ERCKZDDK VGDISRAELI SPOKESMEN -- WARNED AGAINST
PREMATURE SPECULATION ABOUT THE WORK OF THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE OR A SEMANTIC ARGUMENT OVER WHAT USG ROLE IS
TO BE. WITHOUT PREDICTING HOW THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

MAY EVOLVE, HE EMPHASIZED THAT USG INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AS IT HAD DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE. ASKED WHETHER U.S. DEL AT CAIRO HAD NOT IN FACT BEEN AN "OBSERVER" DURING THE FIRST PHASE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ATHERTON HAD HAD INNUMERABLE INFORMAL AND MORE FORMAL MEETINGS WITH THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS, TOGETHER AND SEPARATELY, DURING WHICH SUGGESTIONS HAD BEEN MADE WHICH WE FELT HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE HARMONIOUS WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. EILTS

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